

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

Claims 34-87 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 88-117 are added. The following is the status of the claims of the above-captioned application, as amended.

Claims 1-87 (Canceled).

Claim 88 (New). A modified subtilase comprising one or more of the following substitutions:

- (a) a substitution of the amino acid residue at position 167 with Met, Pro, or Trp,
- (b) a substitution of the amino acid residue at position 170 with Ile, Met, or Val,
- (c) a substitution of the amino acid residue at position 171 with Ile, Leu, Met, Pro or Trp, and
- (d) a substitution of the amino acid residue at position 194 with Ile, Met, Phe, Trp, or Val,

wherein each position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of subtilisin BPN' (SEQ ID NO: 7).

Claim 89 (New). The modified subtilase of claim 88, which comprises a substitution of the amino acid residue at position 167 with Met, Pro, or Trp.

Claim 90 (New). The modified subtilase of claim 88, which comprises a substitution of the amino acid residue at position 170 with Ile, Met, or Val.

Claim 91 (New). The modified subtilase of claim 88, which comprises a substitution of the amino acid residue at position 171 with Ile, Leu, Met, Pro or Trp.

Claim 92 (New). The modified subtilase of claim 88, which comprises a substitution of the amino acid residue at position 194 with Ile, Met, Phe, Trp, or Val.

Claim 93 (New). The modified subtilase of claim 88, further comprising at least one further mutation at one or more of positions: 27, 36, 57, 76, 97, 101, 104, 120, 123, 206, 218, 222, 224, 235 and 274.

Claim 94 (New). The modified subtilase of claim 93, wherein at least one further mutation is selected from the group consisting of K27R, \*36D, S57P, N76D, G97N, S101G, V104A, V104N, V104Y, H120D, N123S, Q206E, N218S, M222A, M222S, T224S, K235L, and T274A.

Claim 95 (New). A detergent composition comprising a modified subtilase of claim 88 and a surfactant.

Claim 96 (New). A modified subtilisin 309 comprising one or both of the following substitutions:

(a) a substitution of Glu at position 136 with Ala, Asn, Cys, Gly, His, Ser, Thr, or Tyr, and

(b) Y171A, Y171C, Y171G, Y171H, Y167I, Y167L, Y171M, Y171N, Y171P, Y171Q, Y171S, or Y171W,

wherein each position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of subtilisin BPN' (SEQ ID NO: 7).

Claim 97 (New). The modified subtilisin 309 of claim 96, which comprises a substitution of Glu at position 136 with Ala, Asn, Cys, Gly, His, Ser, Thr, or Tyr.

Claim 98 (New). The modified subtilisin 309 of claim 96, which comprises Y171A, Y171C, Y171G, Y171H, Y171I, Y171L, Y171M, Y171N, Y171P, Y171Q, Y171S, or Y171W.

Claim 99 (New). The modified subtilisin 309 of claim 96, further comprising at least one further mutation at one or more of positions: 27, 36, 57, 76, 97, 101, 104, 120, 123, 194, 206, 218, 222, 224, 235 and 274.

Claim 100 (New). The modified subtilisin 309 of claim 99, wherein at least one further mutation is selected from the group consisting of K27R, \*36D, S57P, N76D, G97N, S101G, V104A, V104N, V104Y, H120D, N123S, A194P, Q206E, N218S, M222A, M222S, T224S, K235L, and T274A.

Claim 101 (New). A detergent composition comprising a modified subtilisin 309 of claim 96 and a surfactant.

Claim 102 (New). A modified subtilisin 147 comprising one or both of the following substitutions:

- (a) a substitution of Glu at position 136 with Ala, Asn, Cys, Gly, His, Ser, Thr, or Tyr,
- (b) Y171A, Y171C, Y171G, Y171H, Y167I, Y167L, Y171M, Y171N, Y171P, Y171Q, Y171S, or Y171W,

wherein each position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of subtilisin BPN' (SEQ ID NO: 7).

Claim 103 (New). The modified subtilisin 147 of claim 102, further comprising at least one further mutation at one or more of positions: 27, 36, 57, 76, 97, 101, 104, 120, 123, 194, 206, 218, 222, 224, 235 and 274.

Claim 104 (New). The modified subtilisin 147 of claim 103, wherein at least one further mutation is selected from the group consisting of K27R, \*36D, S57P, N76D, G97N, S101G, V104A, V104N, V104Y, H120D, N123S, A194P, Q206E, N218S, M222A, M222S, T224S, K235L, and T274A.

Claim 105 (New). A detergent composition comprising a modified subtilisin 147 of claim 102 and a surfactant.

Claim 106 (New). A modified *Bacillus* protease PB92 comprising Y171A, Y171C, Y171G, Y171H, Y171I, Y171L, Y171M, Y171N, Y171P, Y171Q, Y171S, or Y171W, wherein each position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of subtilisin BPN' (SEQ ID NO: 7).

Claim 107 (New). The modified *Bacillus* protease PB92 of claim 106, further comprising at least one further mutation at one or more of positions: 27, 36, 57, 76, 97, 101, 104, 120, 123, 194, 206, 218, 222, 224, 235 and 274.

Claim 108 (New). The modified *Bacillus* protease PB92 of claim 107, wherein at least one further mutation is selected from the group consisting of K27R, \*36D, S57P, N76D, G97N, S101G, V104A, V104N, V104Y, H120D, N123S, A194P, Q206E, N218S, M222A, M222S, T224S, K235L, and T274A.

Claim 109 (New). A detergent composition comprising a modified *Bacillus* protease PB92 of claim 106 and a surfactant.

Claim 110 (New). A modified subtilisin BPN' comprising a substitution of Lys at position 136 with Ala, Asn, Cys, Gly, His, Ser, Thr, or Tyr, wherein each position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of subtilisin BPN' (SEQ ID NO: 7).

Claim 111 (New). The modified subtilisin BPN' of claim 110, further comprising at least one further mutation at one or more of positions: 27, 36, 57, 76, 97, 101, 104, 120, 123, 194, 206, 218, 222, 224, 235 and 274.

Claim 112 (New). The modified subtilisin BPN' of claim 111, wherein at least one further mutation is selected from the group consisting of K27R, \*36D, S57P, N76D, G97N, S101G, V104A, V104N, V104Y, H120D, N123S, A194P, Q206E, N218S, M222A, M222S, T224S, K235L, and T274A.

Claim 113 (New). A detergent composition comprising a modified subtilisin BPN' of claim 110 and a surfactant.

Claim 114 (New). A modified subtilisin Carlsberg comprising a substitution of Lys at position 136 with Ala, Asn, Cys, Gly, His, Ser, Thr, or Tyr, wherein the position corresponds to a position of the amino acid sequence of subtilisin BPN' (SEQ ID NO: 7).

Claim 115 (New). The modified subtilisin Carlsberg of claim 114, further comprising at least one further mutation at one or more of positions: 27, 36, 57, 76, 97, 101, 104, 120, 123, 194, 206, 218, 222, 224, 235 and 274.

Claim 116 (New). The modified subtilisin Carlsberg of claim 115, wherein at least one further mutation is selected from the group consisting of K27R, \*36D, S57P, N76D, G97N, S101G, V104A, V104N, V104Y, H120D, N123S, A194P, Q206E, N218S, M222A, M222S, T224S, K235L, and T274A.

Claim 117 (New). A detergent composition comprising a modified subtilisin Carlsberg of claim 114 and a surfactant.